

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are pending.

A statement claiming priority to the parent applications has been added.


Forms PTO-1449 listing the references cited therein are submitted herewith. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(d), no further copies of references submitted by Applicant or cited by the Examiner in the parent applications are being submitted.

Applicant earnestly solicits an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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